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Today's Weather

It will continue to be fair with northwesterly moderate and fresh winds. In Aqaba the winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Overnight, Daytime. Locations include Amman, Aqaba, Deserts, Jordan Valley.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 23, Aqaba 31. Sunset tonight: 6:36 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:30 a.m.

PEC clamps lid on prices, but cuts output planned

MEVA, May 26 (Agencies) — OPEC members tonight decided to freeze the price of oil until the end of the year and members of the organisation will cut production by a minimum of 10 per cent.

price freeze will include Saudi Arabia, the biggest OPEC member, which had been under pressure at two-day talks here to raise the price of the oil with which it has been dominating the market at \$32 a barrel.

Official communiqué issued after the meeting said that the aim was to maintain present prices had been taken because of the situation. It said the majority of OPEC members agreed to a production cut.

Dutch coalition loses its edge

AMSTERDAM, May 26 (Age) — Premier Andries van der Kooy's right coalition lost its majority in the general election today.

Strike power to Israel

TEL AVIV, May 26 (R) — Half without electricity owing a strike by power generators who threatened the entire supply if their demands were not met.

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King backs Soviet call for ME conference

MOSCOW, May 26 (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein tonight publicly endorsed the Soviet Union's proposal for an international conference on the Middle East.

King Hussein expressed his country's support for the idea, first proposed last February by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, at a Kremlin dinner given by Mr. Brezhnev in honour of the King after his arrival today on a three-day visit to the Soviet Union.

"Jordan declares that it welcomes the Soviet Union's proposal for convening an international conference on the Middle East with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as equal partner with other sides," King Hussein said.

The King said Jordan welcomes every benevolent call or initiative to reach a just and comprehensive solution "capable of putting an end to this human tragedy and providing security, stability and peace to the entire Middle East area" for the good of all its peoples.

Opinion polls had predicted a close finish, with the government picking up support towards the end of a campaign which focused on rising unemployment, housing shortages and nuclear issues.

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The agreement, signed in Riyadh yesterday, provides for three satellites—two flight models and a spare, to be built.

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and joint interests." While affirming that the Arab Nation's security is the concern of the Arab Nation itself, King Hussein voiced support of the right of the Arab Gulf states to protect themselves with the help of a collective Arab support without any foreign interference to safeguard the supreme Arab interest and to secure the continued flow of oil to every country in the world.

"We support Lebanon's independence and sovereignty over all parts of its territory and support the inter-Lebanese and the Lebanese-Palestinian dialogue in order to restore peace to Lebanon," he said.

The King also stressed Jordan's solidarity with Iraq in its war with Iran, saying that Jordan's commitment to the principles "which govern our dealing with the other Arab countries has prompted us to clearly and without hesitation support Iraq in its legitimate struggle to repulse Iran's aggression on Iraqi rights, sovereignty, territory and waterways."

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and an occupied homeland, an issue of an "evident right in the face of blatant injustice and falsehood committed by Israel by committing aggression and continuing to occupy Palestine, displace its people, and deny their right to self-determination in their homeland, and act with hostility towards peace in an area which is the key to security and peace for the Arab and Middle Eastern peoples, in addition to the fact that it has a great impact on world peace and security."

King Hussein affirmed Jordan's belief in the inevitability of Arab unity and in the Arabs' right to be free, to preserve their identity, and to be able to confront backwardness, exploitation and hegemony.

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after a cabinet meeting. U.S. envoy Philip Habib was in his fourth day in Israel waiting for what Mr. Begin said was a message from Saudi Arabia that would determine whether the American diplomat should go to Damascus for talks on the crisis.

Neither Israeli news media nor the Lebanese government paid much attention to an invitation to peace talks which Mr. Begin made last night in a campaign speech.

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Australia likely to join Sinai force

CANBERRA, Australia, May 26 (A.P.) — The Australian government appears likely to accept an invitation to commit Australian troops to the proposed United States-sponsored peacekeeping force in the Sinai.

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they went to the Middle East under a United Nations mandate.

Mr. Bowen said the Labour Party had a "sincere and fundamental" commitment to peace in the Middle East, but only through processes which had U.N. backing.

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France sending envoys to Arabs; Mitterrand plans visit to Israel

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Many Arab countries are concerned that Mr. Mitterrand intends to try to improve relations with Israel, which became strained as France adopted what Tel Aviv regarded as a pro-Arab position, including a call for Palestinian self-determination.

Mr. Mitterrand would be the first French president to visit the Zionist state.

There have also been suggestions that France under Mr. Mitterrand would not be as active as the previous regime in selling arms to Arab countries.

NATIONAL

Archbishop buried

AMMAN, May 26 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, today delegated Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub to attend the funeral of late Catholic Archbishop Nirmah Al Sam'an, who died here yesterday at the age of 73.

Mr. Ayyoub offered Prince Hassan's condolences to the Roman Catholic church on the death of the archbishop, who was buried today.

Agriculture team meets



AL ARDA, May 26 (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, today visited the agricultural grading and packing centre here, where he presided over a government committee entrusted with marketing this season's tomato crop. At the meeting, attended by Minister of Finance Salem Masa'deh, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin and Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) President Omar Abdullah, Prince Hassan urged all concerned to provide the best possible services to farmers. He was briefed on the procedure used in preparing tomatoes for export to Arab countries. Mr. Dudin said the government will continue to buy farmers' surplus produce at reasonable prices, while Mr. Abdullah said the JVA will establish a tomato paste factory to produce at least 500 tonnes a day.

CATIC signs for JD 16.5m Abu Nuseir job

AMMAN, May 26 (J.T.) — The Chinese firm CATIC (China National Aero Technology Import and Export Corporation) signed an agreement here today to implement the second part of the first phase of the government housing project at Abu Nuseir, 15 kilometres north-west of Amman.

Under the agreement, CATIC will construct three lots with infrastructure, comprising 1,529 housing units, for a price of JD 16.5 million. The agreement was signed at the Housing Corporation by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani and CATIC's representative in Jordan.

The first part of the first phase of the project, the construction of 2,165 housing units in five lots with associated infrastructure, was awarded to the Lebanese firm Sogex International on May 14.

37,000 start tawjihi exam today

AMMAN, May 26 (Petra) — General Secondary Certificate (tawjihi) examinations for government and private school students will start in Jordan on Wednesday. Nearly 37,000 male and female students will sit for the eight-day examination session.

Two thousand teachers have been appointed by the Ministry of Education to supervise the examinations, to be held at selected halls around the country. The ministry has also assigned 2,000 teachers to mark the papers, seeking quick results so that the successful candidates can join higher educational institutes and universities at an early date, a ministry source said.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- The University of Jordan Alumni Club marks Independence Day with an exhibition celebrating the Jordanian heritage. The exhibition opens to members and their friends at 6:30 p.m., at club premises.
- The British Council presents sculpture from its permanent collection at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., and remains open daily except Tuesday.
- The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photographs by members of the centre's photography club. The exhibition is open to the public at the centre's hall in Jabal Luweibdeh.
- The British Council presents "Recent Prints from Britain", exhibition of original prints by Hockney, Kitagawa, Fassolas and many others. This exhibition, held previously at the Council Amman, is on display in the foyer of Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

Spring Festival

- The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities presents the Spring Festival of art, which was celebrated in Aqaba last month, at Alia Art Gallery in Sbmseisani.

Lecture

- The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Oriental Institute of the German Society for Eastern Countries, Amman Department, presents a lecture illustrated with slides, by Prof. Lu Richter Bernburg. The lecture, entitled "Traces of Thousand and One Nights in the Alps", explains the influence of oriental architecture on Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries. The lecture will be delivered, in English, at 6 p.m., at the institute in Jab Amman.

Videotape Programmes

- The French Cultural Centre presents "La nature morte, de Brueghel a Soutine", at 5 p.m. and "Coups de theatre no. 3", at 7 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

Art Film

- The American Centre presents an art film about a public sculpture project in California. The film will be shown at Jordanian Artists' Association, at 5 p.m. in Jabal Luweibdeh.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	2,210	1,600	1,590	1,590
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	3,889	2,250	2,240	2,240
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	9,922	1,550	1,540	1,540
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	2,500	1,670	1,660	1,660
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	1,670	135,000	134,000	135,000
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	150	22,050	21,500	21,500
Jordan Securities Co.	JD 10,000	113	17,350	17,200	17,350
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	1,700	1,550	1,550	1,550
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	1,347	15,660	15,600	15,660
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	189	11,800	11,750	11,800
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	350	2,030	2,030	2,030
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	18,707	1,300	1,240	1,280
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co.	JD 1,000	4,475	1,440	1,420	1,430
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	6,500	0,860	0,860	0,860
Dar Al Sharb for Press, Publications and Distribution	JD 1,000	500	0,930	0,930	0,930
Irbid District Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	350	1,300	1,300	1,300
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	2,850	1,470	1,470	1,470
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	625	3,840	3,820	3,840
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	400	4,750	4,750	4,770
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	3,550	2,270	2,260	2,270
Dar Al Dawa' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	400	3,200	3,180	3,180
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	500	0,910	0,910	0,910
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	200	3,700	3,700	3,700
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	134	6,050	5,950	6,050
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	4,964	8,470	8,450	8,450
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	185	16,000	16,000	16,000
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	569	19,000	19,000	19,000

Total volume of shares traded on Tuesday, May 26, 1981: JD 241,653
Total number of shares traded: 70,477

Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	How	Low
1989 8 1/2%	JD 10,000.	300	3,000	10,000	10,000

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MIDDLE EAST

Communists share victory with rightists in Cyprus

NICOSIA, May 26 (A.P.) — The right-wing Democratic Rally Party and the communist Akele Party were announced the major victors today in the parliamentary elections, winning 12 seats each in the 35-member house of representatives.

President Spyros Kyprianou's ruling Democratic Party (DIKO) retained its minority eight seats, according to the final results of Sunday's elections.

The remaining three seats were won by the Socialist Party, headed by Dr. Vassos Lyssarides.

The election outcome was considered a major victory for the pro-west Rally Party, headed by former House Speaker Glafkos Clerides. Mr. Clerides, who served briefly as acting president after the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus, was returning strongly to the parliament, where he had no seats in the past five years.

Pro-Moscow Akele also returned stronger, having added four seats to its nine in the outgoing house.

There are 15 other seats in the Cyprus parliament for the non-aligned island's Turkish Cypriot population, but the Turks have boycotted the parliament since 1963.

The Turkish Cypriots, living in a self-proclaimed Turkish federated state of Cyprus in the northern part of the island, are scheduled to elect their own 25-seat parliament next month.

A lack of tangible progress in the intercommunal talks between the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities for the solution of the Cyprus problem was the campaign issue of all the seven political parties which ran in the election. Each party tabled a full list of 35 candidates.

Final figures released by the public information office showed Akele had polled 95,302 (32.779 per cent) of the 308,511-vote electorate and the Rally 92,733 (31.895) votes. The DIKO Party got 56,705 (19.503 per cent) votes.

The remaining votes went to the Socialist Party, the Center Union Party, the New Democratic Front and the Pan-Cyprian Renewal Party and seven independent candidates.

An outstanding loser was outgoing House Speaker Alecos Michaelides of the New Democratic Front, whose pre-election split with DIKO weakened the ruling party.

Akele charged that "American imperialism spent a lot of money to sway the elections in the favour of the Rally".

"But the outcome showed 70 per cent of the island's people supported us," an Akele statement said.

There was no immediate comment from the Rally on Akele's charges. A Rally statement described the election results as a "victory for democracy which suffered so much in the past years." This was a reference to Rally's exclusion from the outgoing parliament.

The Rally said it would strike "for change and survival" peacefully in the new parliament and through the "basic role" mandate to it by the electorate.

"President Kyprianou called for unity of ranks and joint efforts of the Cyprus people, and a "harmonious cooperation" between the executive and legislative branches "for an honourable solution of the Cyprus problem."

President Kyprianou's middle-of-the-road government will need the support of either or both election winners for his policy in the remaining time of his tenure.

Presidential elections in Cyprus are held by popular vote, and the parliament elections have set an electoral trend for the next presidential race.

Our only safety is unity, new Gulf council asserts

ABU DHABI, May 26 (R) — Saudi Arabia and five Gulf states today announced wide-ranging plans for economic integration, including a joint oil policy, as the centerpiece of their new Gulf Cooperation Council.

UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuami said the heads of state have approved the appointment of veteran Kuwaiti diplomat Abdullah Bishara as secretary general of the new organisation.

A policy statement issued by the rulers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Oman and Bahrain declared that pooling economic and social resources was the only way to keep the Gulf clear of superpower conflict and to guarantee stability in the region.

The six countries produce a quarter of the non-communist world's oil.

Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman told the formal closing session of the council that his country believed the new organisation should give priority to security issues.

Gulf diplomats said that Oman, which sees the Soviet Union as the biggest threat to the Gulf, had wanted the council to take early action on military cooperation.

But the policy statement clearly declared the majority conviction that the far more immediate danger was interference by foreign powers, including nominally friendly Western nations, in internal problems caused by the sudden rush of oil wealth to the desert states.

The statement said these dangers could best be countered by coordinating all government policies in a grouping which Gulf officials have described as similar to the European Economic Community.

"The challenges facing this region are growing greater as the industrial world's need for oil increases," the policy statement said.

"International ambitions will not be able to find a foothold in an integrated region with one voice, one opinion, one strength."

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said after the meeting that the most significant fact about the council was that it had been established at all.

"Now we have a structure in which all of the Gulf states can cooperate and coordinate," he told reporters.



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More deaths in Somalia among Ethiopian refugees

MOGADISHU, May 26 (R) — Deaths among Ethiopian refugees in central and southern Somalia increased significantly over the past two months as a result of floods and heavy rain, aid workers said here today.

Medical workers from Ban Mundule Camp in the southwestern province of Gedo said that up to ten people a day died of disease or malnutrition brought on by poor sanitation, lack of proper shelter and insufficient food supplies since flooding began.

The camp serves about 20,000 refugees from Ethiopia's disputed Ogaden region.

No figures were available for deaths at Ban Mundule before the rains broke three years of drought in the Horn of Africa but the workers said there had been a definite increase.

"Nearly everybody was sick. It's somewhat better now but that's partly because the sickest have already died," one worker said.

Unconfirmed reports from workers at Gedo's Bur Dhubo Camp last week said two women were trampled to death when police fired into the air to disperse hundreds of hungry refugees who were storming the camp's food store.

The rains began in the Ethiopian highlands, source of Somalia's two main rivers, the Shabelle and the Juba. The rivers broke their banks in at least 40 places in Somalia, officials said. Although floods are starting to recede in the upper reaches of the rivers, more than 100 villages lower down are now isolated and vast areas of cultivated land devastated.

Relief workers said recent food shortages were due in part to the theft or diversion of relief before the rains.

"Although we knew the rains were coming, we were afraid to bring in too much food in advance because we feared it would be stolen," a worker said.

A number of countries have sent in supplies. As the largest single donor in the emergency operation, Saudi Arabia has started flying in 60 plane loads of relief.

"We are screaming for helicopters," Mr. Olav Svennevik, head of the United Nations development programme in Somalia, told reporters after touring the flooded areas.

When the Khamaseen hits

ruin might be seen in the fact that Egypt Air, the national airline, reports the stormy season heralds its greatest number of cancelled or delayed flights.

Khamaseens can bury whole fields of strawberries, beans or wheat.

When the storms hit, women grab the laundry from clotheslines and make sure their windows are snugly shut, sometimes even sealed with tape. Mr. Harb, who is chairman of Egypt's meteorological authority, the government weather service, says the Khamaseens are caused by clashes between cold air that is retreating north for the summer and the tropical air aggressively pursuing the cold.

At Cairo's latitude, the wintry air stalls and is overtaken by the faster-moving heat. Storms erupt.

Health officials here say they lack statistics on whether the Khamaseens bring increased deaths among patients with respiratory troubles or among the generally frail.

"Of course it's bad for almost anyone, especially infants," says one physician, Dr. Anthony Jamal. "We shut everything up and live with it. You wonder about the Khamaseens the same way we are curious how you survive your snowstorms."

Arab lore once held that any man who killed his wife after the third day of a Khamaseen could claim the devastating weather had impaired his judgment.

In this part of the globe where public displays of Islamic faith are a cornerstone of daily life, Cairo's streets are filled with tales of uneducated brethren all of a sudden dropping down to pray because they thought the storms signalled the end of the world.

"During the worst of the Khamaseens, it is very easy for anyone to think this might be true," says Mr. Harb. (A.P.)

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

- Arafat meets Ceausescu**
VIENNA, May 26 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has arrived in Bucharest for talks with Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the Romanian press reported today. It said Mr. Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, went straight into talks with the Romanian leader after his arrival yesterday and the two discussed bilateral and international questions. Romania, the only Soviet bloc country to maintain diplomatic ties with Israel, has occasionally played a mediating role in Middle East affairs.
- U.S., Egypt, Israel discuss Sinai force in Cairo**
CAIRO, May 26 (R) — An Israeli delegation arrived in Cairo today to take part in talks with Egypt and the United States on a planned multinational peace force for the Sinai Peninsula. The three sides will try to resolve remaining differences over the force, which will take up position on the Egyptian-Israeli border after Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai next April. Egyptian officials said they have already agreed that the force should have 2,000 to 2,500 lightly-armed troops with an American civilian commander and a military commander from a non-American contingent. Under the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty the force is to be based in the Rafah salient in northern Sinai and at Sharm El Sheikh at the southern tip of the peninsula. The officials said they had not yet agreed on financing or on the force's job description. So far only the U.S. has agreed to send a contingent. Other countries will be invited to take part once the details have been worked out.
- 12 fingers chopped off in Tehran**
TEHRAN, May 26 (R) — Twelve fingers of three thieves have been chopped off on the orders of the Islamic revolutionary court in the southern city of Shiraz. Tehran newspapers reported today. The thieves had been convicted of stealing gold, jewellery and household appliances. The newspapers did not specify how many fingers each thief lost, but traditionally four fingers of one hand are severed. It was believed to be only the second time in modern Iran that fingers have been chopped off as judicial punishment. The first known instance occurred in the city of Kerman last month. Since the overthrow of the Shah in 1979, women have been stoned to death for adultery and both men and women have been shot for sexual offences, smuggling and dealing in drugs. Hundreds of Iranians were executed after the revolution, many of them on the orders of a roving Islamic judge, Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali. He relinquished the post last year.
- Israeli teachers end 5-day strike**
TEL AVIV, May 26 (A.P.) — Israel's 58,000 teachers ended a five-day strike and returned to their classrooms today after winning a 10-percent wage increase. In a pact signed with the government, the teachers agreed to give an additional two hours of instruction a week and to withhold further demands until Dec. 31. Their regular workload is 24 hours a week. Teacher's salaries range from \$185 to \$780 dollars a month, with most earning below the national average wage of \$630.
- Indian police cane anti-Israel demonstrators**
NEW DELHI, May 26 (A.P.) — Police in the northern Indian town of Anantnag yesterday caned crowd of 500 high school students who disrupted road traffic and forced shopkeepers to close in protest against Israel's plans to convert

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